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RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

The Examiner in the corresponding Korean application has stated:

3. The inventions described in Claims 1 through 55 of the present application could have been easily invented by a person with ordinary knowledge of the technical field to which the inventions belong (hereinafter referred to as "person skilled in the art") prior to the filing of this application based on the material indicated below, and therefore cannot receive a patent according to the stipulations of Article 29, Paragraph 2 of the Japan Patent Law.

(NOTE)

A. The present invention relates to a name resolution server and packet forwarding device, particularly a name resolution server and packet forwarding device capable of customizing the name resolution response based on property information of the sender of the name resolution request message.

The invention (hereinafter referred to as "Cited Invention 1") publicly known from Service Selection in The Access Network, published in ICC 2001, 2001 IEEE International Conference on Communications, June 11, 2001, pp. 1622-1626, which is a publication of the technical field in question, is a method of providing regional network service based on user location and information.

International Patent Publication WO 0126284 (hereinafter referred to as "Cited Invention 2") is a method for traffic control in a communication network.

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B. Comparing the present invention to Cited Invention 1, the purposes and effects of the inventions are similar in the point of providing a network service based on user information.

Comparing the constitutions,

1) Claims 1 through 16 are a name resolution server, with the core constitutive elements being a user information acquisition unit and a response generation unit; the user information acquisition unit is similar to the function of the NAS in Cited Invention 1, which collects user information for providing individual and regional information and induces a database update, using a user authentication login name, network, terminal, and service profile.

The point that the response generation unit has another resolution server handle the name response request message containing property information is slightly different from Cited Invention 1, but this is no more than a common design modification, and thus Claims 1 through 16 could be easily invented by a person skilled in the art based on Cited Invention 1.

2) Claims 17 through 20 are a packet forwarding device, its core constitutive elements being characterized in that a DNS proxy unit is provided, which performs control of the packet forwarding method based on information contained in a name resolution response message, and rewrites the content of a routing table.

Incorporating control of the packet forwarding method into a name resolution response message is similar to the function of the active node which processes data packet content in Cited Invention 2, and the DNS proxy unit is similar to the function of the system including a router which dynamically changes the DNS level address list.

3) Claims 21 through 27 are a packet forwarding device, the technical idea of which is substantially identical to that of Claims 1 through 20, so Claims 21 through 27 could be easily invented by a person skilled in the art based on Cited Inventions 1 and 2.

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4) Claims 28 and 29 are a name resolution server including a packet forwarding method, the technical idea of which is substantially identical to that of Claims 1 through 20, so Claims 28 and 29 could be easily invented by a person skilled in the art based on Cited Inventions 1 and 2.

5) Claims 30 through 45 are a name resolution program, the technical idea of which is substantially identical to that of Claims 1 through 16, so Claims 30 through 45 could be easily invented by a person skilled in the art based on Cited Invention 1.

6) Claims 46 through 50 are a packet forwarding program, the technical idea of which is substantially identical to that of Claims 17 through 27, so Claims 46 through 50 could be easily invented by a person skilled in the art based on Cited Inventions 1 and 2.

7) Claims 51 and 52 are a name resolution method, the technical idea of which is substantially identical to that of Claims 1 through 16, so Claims 51 and 52 could be easily invented by a person skilled in the art based on Cited Invention 1.

8) Claims 53 through 55 are a packet forwarding method, the technical idea of which is substantially identical to that of Claims 1 through 20, so Claims 53 through 55 could be easily invented by a person skilled in the art based on Cited Inventions 1 and 2.

9) Therefore, Claims 1 through 55 could be easily invented by a person skilled in the art based on the technical idea and constitution presented in Cited Inventions 1 and 2, and therefore cannot receive a patent according to the stipulations of Article 29, Paragraph 2 of the Japan Patent Law.

(ATTACHMENTS)

Attachment 1. *Computer Networks* Vol. 31, May 1999, Elsevier Science Publishers B.V., pp. 1375-1389.

Attachment 2. [International Patent Publication] WO 0126284 (April 12, 2001), 1 copy. END.

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The references listed on the PTO/SB/08 form have been previously submitted by way of IDSs filed on June 27, 2005 and April 10, 2006.

The instant IDS is being submitted to the examiner to review the comments of the Korean examiner in connection with the listed references.

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